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MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

† Congregation Standing (as able)

There are children's activity bags on the white stand in the back, along with clipboards in the red basket for older children. The nursery is available for ages 0-3. The library is available for nursing mothers. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, children 4 years old - 2nd grade will be dismissed during the service for children's church.

Hearing assistance devices are available on the back table of the sanctuary.

Past sermon videos are available at www.collegebaptist.org/sermons. CDs of past services are available by contacting Laura Wilson at office@collegebaptist.org.

PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READING & TRADITIONAL GREETING

Pastor Ben Cuthbert

†CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Wesley; Hymn 289

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, He all doth save, alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

INVOCATION & WELCOME

Pastor Ben Cuthbert

†CALL TO WORSHIP

ROMANS 8:34-35,37-39

Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

†AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN?

Wesley, Campbell; Hymn 260

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

CHORUS

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace!
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O, my God, it found out me. **CHORUS**

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke—the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee. **CHORUS**

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. **CHORUS**

†1 CORINTHIANS 15:17-20

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

†RESURRECTION HYMN

Getty, Townend; CCLI 4108797

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, born in pain, paid in sacrifice;
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?" as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name: it's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound 'til he appears, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority.
And we are raised with him; death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with him, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

"The Easter Song"

†DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†REVELATION 1:4-6

Grace to you and peace... from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

†KING OF KINGS

Ligertwood, Ingram, Ligertwood; CCLI 7127647

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven you came running. There was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

CHORUS

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one.
God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake you died. **CHORUS**

And the morning that you rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

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And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By his blood and in his Name, in his freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. **CHORUS**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Mike Roberts, Elder

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON TEXT: JUDE 21

Keep yourselves in the love of God,
waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
that leads to eternal life.

SERMON: THE TRIUMPHANT LOVE OF GOD

Pastor Ben Cuthbert

†CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Kauffman, Getty, Papa, Merker; CCLI 7147502

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.
What holds our days within his hand? What comes apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

CHORUS

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, unto the shore the rock of Christ. **CHORUS**

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. **CHORUS**

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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WHO'S WHO? *Boldface indicates board chair. Look inside the attendance pad for more information about board duties.*

PASTOR: Reverend Ben Cuthbert (bcuthbert@collegebaptist.org)

WORSHIP LEADERS: Caitie Dugan, Zach Ponraj ORGAN: Jan Ourensma PIANO: Kristi Gautsche

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MISSION BOARD: **Carol Bentley**, Susan Betz, Larry Gaetano, Lorissa Mekelburg, Sue Reed, Joanna Young

TRUSTEE BOARD: Ray Bentley, Andy Brown, Terry Reed, **Travis Wilson**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Megan Gray FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Laura Wilson

MOTHER'S HELPER MINISTRY: Shannon Westblade 517-610-6211 or shannonwestblade@gmail.com

**This elder will be available at the front of the church for ten minutes after the service for prayer.*

4:12 CENTER PROGRESS REPORT

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...”— Ephesians 4:12

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ray Bentley, Ben Cuthbert, Megan Gray, Rod Stewart, Don Westblade

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR: Bill Gray

ARCHITECT: InForm Architecture (informarchitect.com)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT: Church Growth Services (churchgrowthservices.com)

NEXT BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING: April 10, 2024

EXPENDITURES SINCE JUNE 27, 2021: \$222,713

BUILDING ADDITION FUND BALANCE: \$1,099,148

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES: \$348,652



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BRIDAL SHOWER Please join us for a bridal shower for Taylor Bennett (Greg Bradford) on Saturday, **April 6 at 10:30 a.m.** at Sue Postle's home (85 Arbor View Court, Hillsdale). Taylor & Greg are registered at Crate & Barrel & Amazon. Please RSVP by March 30th to Sue at 440-823-1079 or susanpostle13@gmail.com.

VBS 2024 *Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity* **June 23-27, 2024 6-8:30PM (Sunday through Thursday)**. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to minister to children of our church and community, contact Donna Gaetano at 732-232-7111 or donnamarie.gaetano@gmail.com.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Monday, April 1	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Monday, April 1	7:00 p.m.	Men's M.E.A.T. Bible Study (Nursery)
Wednesday, April 3	10:00 a.m.	Tidings of Comfort (Upper Vestry)
Wednesday, April 3	8:30 p.m.	College Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Thursday, April 4	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Upper Vestry)
Thursday, April 4	12:00 p.m.	Hour of Prayer (Library)
Sunday, April 7	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday, April 7	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, April 14	12:15 p.m.	Congregational Meeting

EASTER LILIES Easter lilies were given by:

Anonymous in memory of Pastor Jason Mekelburg

Sherry Barnes in memory of Gary Barnes, Mancel & Velma Barnes, and Bill & Dorothy Wilson

Jeff & Sally Beazley in memory of Thomas Beazley

Ray and Carol Bentley in memory of Christopher Lee Bentley

Carie Brown in memory of Dale Conant

Ted & Rosa Church in memory of Jose & Luisa Flores and Claude & Della Church

Ellie Duryea in memory of Ken Duryea

Donna & Larry Gaetano in memory of our Parents

The Gray Family in memory of Ruth Ann Fouts and Sue Hawks

Karen Herteg in memory of Ron, Regina, and Larry

Matsos Family in memory of Pamela Matsos

Dan & Melissa McCance in memory of Roy & Joyce McCance, Dick & Deb Jennings, and Dan & Emily Walker

Will & Christina McIntosh in memory of Mei Fong Kwan

Leah O'Donnell in memory of Julia O'Donnell

Donna Sheppard in memory of Gary Barnes

Rod and Peggy Stewart in memory of Paul & Lois Rushton and George & Willetta Stewart

Don & Joni Westblade in memory of Maynard Westblade and Jerry Eilers

Laura Wilson in memory of Phil Wilson

Rose Zemaiduk in memory of Nick Zemaiduk

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH MARCH 23:

Contributions YTD \$70,149 *minus* Expenses YTD \$69,863 *equals* Net \$286

Budget YTD \$75,281